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Vehicle Tampering Arrest, City Lot 10

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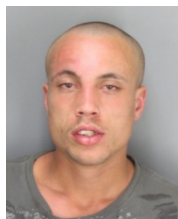
David Phillip Nieman, age 22, a felony probationer, was arrested for vehicle tampering and resisting or delaying an officer, both misdemeanors, and violation of probation, a felony. Nieman has had contacts with the Santa Barbara Police Department since August 2012. He is a transient; originally from Eureka, California. He is on probation for assault with a deadly weapon.

On January 18, 2013, at 11:48 p.m., Santa Barbara Police Officers Kyle Crooks, Dusty McGrew, and Aaron Tudor responded to City Lot #10, a multi-level parking structure off of 600 Anacapa Street, on an anonymous call of a subject opening the doors to vehicles parked in the lot. Upon arrival the officers entered the lot from different locations and Officer Tudor subsequently located Nieman on Level B. Nieman, who was carrying a backpack, was observed by the officers looking into several parked vehicles and trying to open car doors. The officers saw him gain entry into a red Ford Mustang with Utah license plates and remain inside the car for several seconds. He then continued to look into additional vehicles until he noticed the officers converging on his location. Nieman tried flee, disobeying commands to stop, and attempted to discard his backpack while running from the officers. After a brief foot pursuit Nieman was taken into custody on Level C.

Inside his backpack Nieman had a set of jumper cables that he acknowledged he took from a car in the parking lot. Additionally, a sunglass case was found on the ground that Nieman also said he took from a vehicle. He would not, however, divulge from which vehicles the items came. The victims of the thefts have not yet been located.

Nieman was booked into Santa Barbara County Jail on the aforementioned charges. The misdemeanors carry a bail amount of \$2,500.00; the violation of probation has no bail.

The Santa Barbara Police Department would like to remind everyone that when parking in public, please keep your car doors locked, your valuables out of sight, and your keys in your pocket!



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